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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion presented herein.

1. **Allowance of Claims.**

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 75-86.

2. **Allowability of Claims.**

The Applicant also notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 54, 59, 62, 66, 70 and 74 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, the Applicant has amended the claims as follows:

Claim 54 has been amended into independent form and, therefore, is now in a condition for allowance. Note that the phrase "may occur" objected to by the Examiner in Claim 53 has been changed to "occurring".

Claim 59 has been amended into independent form and, therefore, is now in a condition for allowance. Note that the phrase "may occur" objected to by the Examiner in Claim 53 has been changed to "occurring".

Claim 62 has been amended into independent form and, therefore, is now in a condition for allowance. Note that the phrase "may occur" objected to by the Examiner in Claim 61 has been changed to "occurring".

Claim 66 has been amended into independent form and, therefore, is now in a condition for allowance. Note that the phrase "may occur" objected to by the Examiner in Claim 61 has been changed to "occurring".

Claim 70 has been amended into independent form and, therefore, is now in a condition for allowance. Note that the phrase "may occur" objected to by the Examiner in Claim 69 has been changed to "occurring".

Claim 74 has been amended into independent form and, therefore, is now in a condition for allowance. Note that the phrase "may occur" objected to by the Examiner in Claim 69 has been changed to "occurring".

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Multiple dependent Claims 55-58 and 60 are also in a condition for allowance since they depend from allowable Claims 54 and 59.

Multiple dependent Claims 63-65 and 67 are also in a condition for allowance since they depend from allowable Claims 62 and 66.

Multiple dependent Claims 71-73 are also in a condition for allowance since they depend from allowable Claims 70 and 74.

3. Rejection of Claims.

The rejection of Claim 52 for obviousness-type double patenting and based on cited art is now moot in view of cancellation of that claim.

The rejection of Claim 53 based on cited art is now moot in view of cancellation of that claim.

The rejection of Claims 55-58 and 60 is now moot in view of the amendment of those claims to be multiple dependent from allowable Claims 54 and 59.

The rejection of Claim 61 is now moot in view of cancellation of that claim.

The rejection of Claims 63-65 and 67 is now moot in view of the amendment of those claims to be multiple dependent from allowable Claims 62 and 66.

The rejection of Claims 68 and 69 is now moot in view of cancellation of those claims.

The rejection of Claims 71-73 is now moot in view of the amendment of those claims to be multiple dependent from allowable Claims 70 and 74.

4. Conclusion.

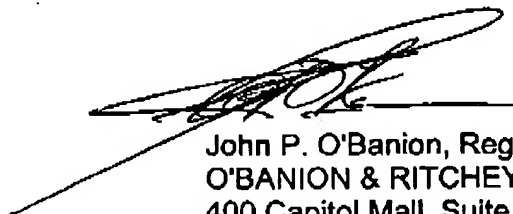
Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the present application to pass to issuance.

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In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present application, the Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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